details which have already been asked for. Out of the 4 members of the Special Team, S/Shri R. N. Tandon and S. Guria has since retired.

The question of taking action against the members of the Team and fixing responsibility would arise only after the liabilities of the companies are finally determined.

Submission of plans to produce Dexamethasone by M/s. Merind

1221. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN :
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Merind have submitted to his Ministry their plans to produce Dexamethasone from basic stages;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that duty reduction on various intermediates have been proposed, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the production from more basic stage and penultimates have been given same price in respect of Dexamethasone; and

(e) what are the names of units producing Dexamethasone and from what stage ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. M/s. Merind have indicated that they are hoping to go to a more basic stage once CSIR, Jammu, with whom they have a sponsored Research agreement, supplies them the know how.

(c) The changes in the custom duties effected on various intermediates in the finance bill 1993-94 are available in the Parliament Library.

(d) and (e) M/s. Cadila & Merind are producing Dexamethasone its Salts from penultimate stages and the prices fixed on 1-3-1993 are as given below :—

Sl. No.	Name of Bulk Durg	Unit	Maximum price (Rs.)
1.	Daxamethasone pure	gm	164·00
2.	Dexamethasone Sodium Phosphate	gm	181·00

Violation of provisions of D.P.C.O.

1222. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL :
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that provisions of DPCO, 1987 were violated in giving prices increase of bulk drugs and formulations consequent on devaluation of rupee;

(b) whether it is a fact that under DPCO, 1987 it is mandatory that producers should apply for revision in prices of bulk drugs and formulations after giving break up of consumption of materials per unit of production and invoices bills for the rates;

(c) whether it is also a fact that both these aspects of DPCO, 1987 were ignored and suo moto increases were given ignoring the provisions of DPCO, 1987; and

(d) if so, the persons responsible for this state of affairs and the reasons for not ordering investigation to fix responsibility into the whole affair ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) As per para 3 of DPCO, 1987 the Government may, with a view to regulate the equitable distribution and increasing supply of an indigenously manufactured scheduled bulk drug and make it available at fair prices after making such inquiry as it deems fit, fix from time to

time by notifications in the Official Gazette, a maximum sale price. The prices of about 55 bulk drugs were revised in August/September 1991, on the basis of cost data available with the Government and in consultation with the BICP to give the impact on input costs, due to change in exchange rate of rupee against major foreign currencies in July 1991 to avoid shortages.

Drug formulations having turn over of more than 50 lacs

1223. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of imported bulk drugs whose formulations having annual sales turn over of more than Rupees fifty lacs which are outside price control and since when;

(b) what are the names of three major formulations based on each drug and what is the present price and when each price was revised after DPCO, 1987;

(c) what is the break up of material cost and MAPE taken by the major formulators on each formulation as per Form 2A;

(d) what is the present CIF price and landed cost of each drug and what was the price during 1987;

(e) whether it is a fact that certain companies are importing at very high price;

(f) what is the lowest and highest CIF price of each drug for the last three years, year-wise along with the names of importers; and

(g) what are the reasons for difference in prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (g) Sales turnover of formulations is not monitored. The available data on imports indicates that there are about 160 bulk drugs whose formulations' turnover could be about Rs. 50 lacs or more. Each such drug is formulated in various dosage forms and pack sizes and the total number of formulations needing scrutiny runs into thousands. The time and labour involved in collection and compilation of such voluminous information would not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Changes in Custom Duty on Bulk Drugs

1224. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI :
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that several proposals for allowing imports notwithstanding the conditions in the approvals and changes in custom duty on bulk drugs and intermediates were cleared and recommended in December, 1992 and January, 1993 involving benefit of crores of rupees to the concerned;

(b) what are the details of those proposals indicating the name of the items, companies involved, dates of receipt of the proposals, nature of proposals and date of recommendations;

(c) whether it is a fact that Development Commissioner (PI) of the Ministry is the main source of recommending such proposals, what is the objective sought to be achieved in each case and what action has been taken to investigate involvement of persons in the various deals;

(d) whether Government have received any complaints; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. The requests for imports in December, 1992 and January, 1993 were decided by the Ministry at an appropriate level after taking into consideration various factors like the estimated indigenous demand, indigenous availability